

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION CLAIMING PRIORITY ON
PRIOR FILED FOREIGN APPLICATIONS**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Apparatus for Holding an Optical Assembly in an Imaging Device, the specification of which is attached hereto. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S):

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's

certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Priority Claimed Under 35 USC §119.

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Country: Germany

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POWER OF ATTORNEY:

As a named Inventor, I hereby appoint, for purposes of the identified patent application including any divisional and any continuation thereof, the

practitioners associated with Customer Number 021567 to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

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